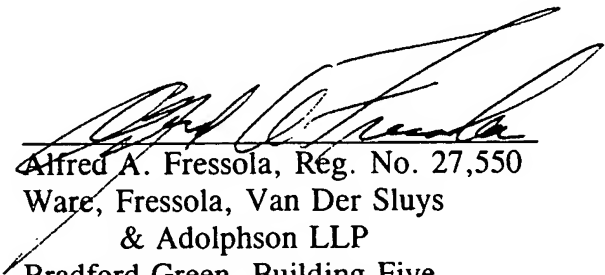<u>Remarks</u>

This supplemental preliminary amendment is filed for the purpose of making

correction to the prior art cited on page 2 of the specification. Consideration and allowance

of the claims is earnestly solicited. No new matter is submitted since the web site added

simply presents background information with respect to the previously recited W4F.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and

claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "<u>Version with markings to</u>

<u>show changes made.</u>"

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 2 has been amended as follows:

There are solutions that standardize various file formats to one and the same, processable

form. For instance XWrap Elite (an eXtensible Wrapper General System Elite Version) is a

software application that tries to identify repeated data structures in HTML documents and to

create specific modification rules, whereby their contents can be translated to the XML

5   language. However, the operation of the application is bound to the HTML structure.

Before the priority date of the present application, the XWrap Elite-program has been

described in more detail at the address http://www.cc.gatech.edu/projects/disl/XWRAPElite/.

Another corresponding solution based on the HTML structure is the W4F – World Wide Web

Wrapper Factory, which before the priority date of the present application is described in

10   more detail at the address http://www.tropea-inc.com/technology/W4F/. After the priority

date of the present application corresponding information has been made available at another

network address, which is http://citeseer.nj.nec.com/did/95215 and also at

http://cheops.cis.upenn.edu/W4F. In addition, the Xerox Research Center Europe has a

system that was made public in the spring of 2000 for generating data translation scripts,

15   called Wrapper Generation via Grammar Induction; also this system is bound to the HTML

format. Already before the priority date of the present application, said system was

published at the addresses http://turing.wins.uva.nl/ ~ ragetli/documents/chidlovskii.ps and

http://turing.wins.uva.nl/ ~ ragetli/ecm12000/ecm100a/. All of these existing solutions are based on the HTML format, wherefore their area of usage is fairly limited. There also is a patent related to this subject, i.e. US 6,151,608 that describes how data is modified to a database table without writing code.